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FBI Aid in JFK Plot Probe

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — An attorney is keeping details of an investigation says he is making of the assassination, confederate intervention slow him down.

investigators can prove a conspiracy in New Orleans led to the death of President John F. Kennedy, spurned a suggestion he give his facts to the U.S. attorney general who could pass it on to President Johnson.

"I am running this investigation, not the President, not the attorney general," said Garrison.

"I'M IN CHARGE of the operation and we've made a lot of progress working this way. So I don't propose to make any changes that might result in a slowdown and make us less effective."

Asked what the Federal Bureau of Investigation is doing about Garrison's probe, an FBI spokesman said, "The only thing I can say regarding any questions about that is, 'no comment.'"

After New Orleans newspapers broke the story of his investigation on Friday, Garrison said "irresponsible release of so many details" would delay the arrests he said would be forthcoming.

"THE RELEASE of details and names," he said, "has now created a problem for us in finding witnesses and getting cooperation from other witnesses and in at least one case has endangered the life of a witness — a possible witness — so that whatever timetable we might have had before is somewhat extended now."

Garrison's statement that an assassination plot was conceived in New Orleans, that he will find and arrest the conspirators and that he will obtain convictions caused widespread alarm.

What does he know at the point?

vestigating the role of the of New Orleans in the assassination of President Kennedy and we have made some progress — I think substantial progress. At least we were making progress until the newspapers revealed a number of details.

"We were keeping it confidential and were hoping it would remain confidential until the time came to make some arrests."

The district attorney refused to go into the question of whether or not Harvey Oswald was involved in the assassination of Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

"I'd rather not comment on that," Garrison said.

Attorney Doubts Oswald-Ruby Meeting Report

Dallas lawyer Phil Burleson, one of Jack Ruby's attorneys at his trial for murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, said Monday he doubts the report of a New Orleans meeting between Oswald and Ruby before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"I don't think there's anything to it," said Burleson.

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade. Ruby's prosecutor, was not available for comment Monday. His chief prosecutor, Bill Alexander, indicated the district attorney's office placed little faith in allegations made by New Orleans Parish Dist. Atty. Garrison.

Garrison said over the weekend that a plot to kill Kennedy was hatched in New Orleans and that Oswald and Ruby were in that city at the same time.

Garrison said his office is continuing its investigation.

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